

Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards and Education Minutes

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**INDIANAPOLIS UNION HALL**

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INDIANAPOLIS

JULY 28, 2003

10:00 a.m.

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**A. Pursuant to IC 22-12-3-6, the regular scheduled Board Meeting of the IN Board of Firefighting Personnel Standards & Education convened at 10:10 a.m. with Vice-chairperson Patrick Donoghue presiding.**

a. The following Board members were present:

M. Tracy Boatwright  
Bernice Clark  
Patrick Donoghue  
Charles (Don) Hall  
Thomas Hanify  
Jerry Nulliner  
Darrick Scott

b. The following Board members were absent:

Paul Covington  
Jack Kerney  
Patrick Ralston

c. Also present:

Michael Rowe, Terre Haute Fire Department  
Dianne Mack, C-TASC  
Ivan Nevil, Administrator Fire Academy  
Jim Schneider, T.O. P.S.T.I.  
Marilyn Burgess, Program Coordinator

**B. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken with a quorum of seven.

**C. Minutes of June 19, 2003 Board Meeting; Statistical Report June, 2003**

a. Don Hall made a motion to approve the June 19, 2003 Minutes as printed and distributed. Jerry Nulliner seconded the motion. Motion carried

b. Darrick Scott made a motion to approve the June, 2003 statistical report as printed and distributed. Jerry Nulliner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**D. Variances, Hearings and Appeals**

a. *Mark Hart*, a member of White River F.D. requested a variance to 655 IAC 1-2.1-19 Instructor I based upon having completed and receiving a Primary Instructor certification from the Indiana EMS Commission.

Marshal Boatwright made a motion to approve the variance on the recommendation of

the staff with the exception that if he ever desires IFSAC certification he must pass the IN written and practical tests. Darrick Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**E. Report by Patrick R. Ralston, Executive Director, SEMA/DFBS/PSTI**

No report at this time

**F. State Fire Marshal Report M. Tracy Boatwright**

Marshal Boatwright reported he had recently attended the Fire Chief's Conference in Evansville.

He also attended the joint meeting of IABO and FIAI meeting. He and Steve Schultz, State Building Commissioner conducted a round table discussion.

The Fire Marshal's office is in the process of hiring a secretary to take Molly Reynold's place and Tom Hinkle will be hiring an Inspector to take Brad Sandburg's place.

Gary Robison's IN fire data collection reporting is up to 82% of Fire Departments in IN.

Mike Bigler, Deputy Fire Marshal has been very involved in the planning for the National Governors Conference. The Fire Marshal's office is providing some Haz Mat response for this event.

State Fair is coming up in August.

Mara Snyder is in St. Louis at a conference on explosives.

On July 31 a meeting will be held with Public Safety Evaluation Committee chaired by Senator Wyss at Wayne Twp. F.D. at 9:30 a.m. Regional training sites will be discussed with a presentation by Mr. Jim Tidd on the donation of property to the state of Indiana by Grissom Economic Redevelopment Authority.

**G. Public Safety Training Institute Report - Ivan Nevil**

The staff has been very busy putting on training in Haz Mat Awareness and Operations. Jim Schneider has also been putting on ICS and ISO training classes.

Ivan attended the IFSTA validation conference in Oklahoma City July 13-16. IFSTA is now writing a book for FO III/IV. This book should be completed within 18 months.

Last week Director Ralston signed a new FEMA Fire Training Grant from the National Fire Academy for \$23,000.00.

Indiana Weekend will be held August 23-25. We have 31 applicants signed up to go to the Academy. IN weekend will be held in conjunction with Mississippi.

**H. Administrative Proceedings**

None at this time.

**I. Old Business**

a. *IFSAC* - Ivan Nevil said that the January reaccreditation by IFSAC may need to be postponed until our rules have been promulgated.

b. *Fire Officer I/II* - Jerry Nulliner and Tom Hanify. Objectives have been given to Mara Snyder.

c. *Fire Academy Study* - There will be a presentation by Jim Tidd July 31 at Wayne Twp. F.D. on the Grissom Aeroplex as a possible Fire Academy site.

d. *House Bill #1106* - Ivan questioned the Board on the program that needs to be developed on the legal liability on vehicle emergency response driving safety. He asked whether the Board wanted a curriculum developed or a video program developed which would be made available to all fire departments. Jerry Nulliner made a motion that a video be produced that would meet the intent of #1106. Darrick Scott seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ivan will get some quotes on the cost of the video.

Ivan said that he and Jim Schneider have also been working on the Mandatory Training for firefighters. He said that all mandatory training information will be either in the IFSTA manual 4th edition or Delmar handbook. Either resource can be researched for this training. Information will be available for the Board at the September meeting.

e. *Rules* - Mara Snyder - Mara Snyder was not available for this meeting, but she sent the Board members a copy of a "Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules".

#### **J. New Business**

None at this time.

#### **K. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the vice-chairperson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45.